MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): After the consideration is finished the traffic branch will be separated and then there will be a separate officer for traffic work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Before the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy and the traffic and re-organisation schemes, was there any demand by the Commissioner of Police for a Personal Assistant ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I have not got information just now before me.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know how long are these schemes to be under consideration ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For some time more.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How long?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government considered the desirability of discontinuing this office in view of the great economic distress prevailing in the land and the consequent necessity for retrenchment ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not at present, because the Commissioner wants a Personal Assistant until the traffic branch is separated.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So only I want to know when the re-organisation and re-allocation schemes will be over ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered the question.

Cases against motor drivers taken up by the Police for rash driving.

146. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases taken up by the Police for rash driving from 1-1-1106 to 15-4-1106 and the percentage of conviction ; and

(*b*) the arrangements made by the Police for ascertaining rash driving ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) 31.
(ii) 9·7

(*b*) No arrangements are possible with the present staff to check rash driving except where the Police are posted or when Traffic Inspectors and officers tour.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state who was responsible for the detection of these thirty-one cases ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Police,

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): I want to know who were responsible for the detection—whether the A. S. Ps., D. S. Ps., Inspectors or Prosecuting Inspectors ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to say.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member what was the cause of the low percentage of conviction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member whether any enquiry was made or any information called for from the Department for such a low percentage of conviction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member whether the Government are prepared to call for such information ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the member desires, Government have no objection to do so. Because the original question did not ask for it, it was not called for.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With regard to the answer to part (*d*) will the member be pleased to state how these Officers were able to detect these cases ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They must have seen the drivers going at a furious speed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is in the answer given.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): It is stated that no arrangement is possible with the present staff.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is also stated that rash driving cannot be checked except where the Police are posted or when Traffic Inspectors and Officers tour.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): My question is how they find out rash driving ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When they drive rashly you can find it out.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Is there any speedometer checking ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Cars have got speedometers.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): What the answer says is that the Police are posted to check.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They check by actually seeing rash driving.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Police able to find out at a halting Station how a car is being driven ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They will find out not when the cars halt but when the cars are driven at a furious speed.

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the member be pleased to state how the Police find out how the cars are being driven ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The Department will note the time of departure and the time of arrival. Calculate and you can arrive at the speed.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the member be pleased to state whether any standard timing is adopted ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether all the clocks agree ? Supposing a car starts at 6 O'clock from Nagercoil and when it reaches Tuckalay it is 6-30 or 6-45 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not follow.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether the Police have regular time in all checking stations ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I believe they do keep clocks.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : How do they keep correct time ? Is it by weekly correction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information now. If the member wants it, I shall make an enquiry.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the member be pleased to state whether any arrangement has been made to check rash driving, whether any steps have been taken ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is answered in part (*b*).

MR. D. C JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the member be pleased to state what arrangement has been made by the Department to prevent rash driving by private car owners ? The Police make arrangements with regard to the timing of other cars. I want to know whether any arrangement has been made to check rash driving by private car owners ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The speed at which cars can be driven is prescribed.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether any action has been taken against any private owner driving a car at a speed which is not generally allowed to a public car ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, I doubt whether it is a supplementary question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is not a supplementary question as he has not asked for information with respect to offences committed by private car owners. Probably they are very respectable people conforming to the speed-limit. Why do you pursue that ? Your idea seems to be that, there should be a better scheme for traffic control. You have expressed that already. The actual checking is done when constables are posted.

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): But no two clocks at the checking stations agree.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is unfortunate.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): That is the trouble now.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are right. But just compare your own watch with that of your friend. You will see how the Police man is particularly handicapped.

Acting Teachers of Vernacular Schools.

147. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the late Director of Public Instruction, Mr. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, had passed an order to the effect that the teachers of Vernacular Schools who were acting between the years 1100 and 1103 must be absorbed before new hands are appointed;

(*b*) whether a list of such teachers has been prepared;

(*c*) if so, whether the list was prepared according to seniority in service or qualification;

(*d*) whether the order is now strictly followed;

(*e*) whether any deviation has been made by the present Director; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, the nature of deviation, and the reasons for it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*f*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, these questions do not arise.

Visits of the District Superintendent of Police, Kottayam, to the Commissioner of Police.

148. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the District Superintendent of Police, Kottayam, has visited the Commissioner of Police since the 19th Kanni 1106, and, if so, the number of such visits; and

(*b*) the dates of such visits and the official necessity for such visits?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, three times.

(*b*) On 2-3-1106, 6-4-1106 and 20-4-1106. The necessity for the visits was to receive instructions from the Commissioner of Police on Police matters.

Abkari Revenue.

149. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the respective number of liquor and toddy shops that were in existence during the year 1105 throughout the whole State;

(*b*) the respective number of liquor and toddy shops of 1105 which were not bid in auction till the close of the year 1105;

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